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Mr. Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board Washington, D.C. 20423

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 11301(a) are two (2) copies of a Bill of Sale and Assignment, dated as of July 26, 2002, a primary document as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed document are:

Assignor:

I&M Rail Link, LLC 337 – 22nd Avenue South

Brookings, South Dakota 57006

Assignee:

Iowa, Chicago & Eastern Railroad Corporation

337 – 22nd Avenue South

Brookings, South Dakota 57006

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A description of the railroad equipment covered by the enclosed document is:

558 covered hopper railcars within the series HS 20869 – HS 24308 as set forth on Exhibit A to the Memorandum.

A short summary of the document to appear in the index is:

Bill of Sale and Assignment.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$30.00 payable to the order of the Surface Transportation Board covering the required recordation fee.

Kindly return stamped copies of the enclosed document to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Alvord

RWA/anm Enclosures

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MEMORANDUM OF BILL OF SALE AND ASSIGNMENT

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Memorandum of Bill of Sale and Assignment, made and entered into as of July 26, 2002 by and between I&M RAIL LINK, LLC, Seller, and IOWA, CHICAGO & EASTERN RAILROAD CORPORATION, Buyer.

WITNESSETH:

The undersigned have entered into that certain Bill of Sale and Assignment, dated as of July 26, 2002, by which Seller has sold and assigned its right, title and interest in and to certain railroad equipment and the leases and beneficial interests therein to Buyer, and Buyer has accepted and assumed all duties and obligations of Seller with respect thereto. The railroad equipment and documents related thereto are set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this memorandum to be duly executed by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

I&M RAIL LINK, LLC

Name: Richard J. Stoeckly

Title: President

IOWA, CHICAGO & EASTERN RAILROAD CORPORATION

Name: Robert O. Brownell

Title: President

DISTRICT OF)
) ss:
COLUMBIA)

On this 26th day of July, 2002, before me personally appeared Richard J. Stoeckly, who, being by me duly swom, says that he is the President of I&M RAIL LINK, LLC, that the foregoing document was signed on behalf of said corporation, and that the execution of said instrument was his free act and deed.

My commission expires: 1/1/03

DISTRICT OF) ss: COLUMBIA)

On this 26th day of July, 2002, before me personally appeared Robert O. Brownell, who, being by me duly sworn, says that he is the President of IOWA, CHICAGO & EASTERN RAILROAD CORPORATION, that the foregoing document was signed on behalf of said corporation, and that the execution of said instrument was his free act and deed.

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My commission expires: Sept. 30,3002

EXHIBIT A TO MEMORANDUM OF BILL OF SALE AND ASSIGNMENT

LESSOR:

General Electric Railcar Services Corporation

LESSEE:

1&M Rail Link, LLC

AGREEMENT:

Per Diem Lease Agreement, dated November 1, 1999, and

Extension No. 2 to Schedule No. 1, dated May 25, 2001

RECORDATION #:

Not previously filed

CARS:

Five hundred fifty-eight (558) covered hopper railcars bearing

reporting marks:

HS 20869

HS 23500-23526, inclusive HS 23528-23570, inclusive HS 23572-23573, inclusive HS 23575-23604, inclusive HS 23606-23669, inclusive HS 23671-23682, inclusive HS 23703-23871, inclusive HS 23873-23880, inclusive HS 23882-23968, inclusive HS 23970-24049, inclusive HS 24114-24115, inclusive

HS 24131

HS 24133-24134, inclusive

HS 24138

HS 24140-24144, inclusive

HS 24197 HS 24248 HS 24261 HS 24279 HS 24297 HS 24308

CERTIFICATION

I, Robert W. Alvord, attorney licensed to practice in the State of New York and the District of Columbia, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I have compared the attached copy with the original thereof and have found the copy to be complete and identical in all respects to the original document.

Dated: 8/15/02

Robert W. Alvord